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PDF COURSE LIST

ASL 1, American Sign Language 1

5 units

Transfer: UC, CSU

IGETC Foreign Language (required for UC only)

Satisfies Global Citizenship

This is an introductory course of American Sign Language (ASL) with an emphasis on signing, receptive skills, signing parameters, the glossing system and numbers. This course provides a historical introduction, cultural awareness and cross-cultural adjustment skills. Non-verbal communication is emphasized. Homework assignments will include, but are not limited to, attendance and involvement at community events.

ASL 2, American Sign Language 2

5 units

Transfer: UC, CSU

IGETC AREA 3B (Arts and Humanities), Foreign Language (required for UC only)

Satisfies Global Citizenship

• Advisory: ASL 1*.

**The advisory for this course is comparable to two years of high school American Sign Language.*

This course is a continuation of ASL 1. Instruction will include further studies of the elementary skills for the fundamentals of ASL: grammar, receptive, and expressive. There will also be extensive instruction on the Deaf Culture and Community, which will be presented in readings, videos and discussion in ASL. Non-verbal communication is emphasized.

ASL 99, Applied Learning in ASL

1 unit

Transfer: CSU

• Corequisite: Any course in ASL.

This course — taken in tandem with another course in the discipline — enables a student to apply course content in a meaningful and relevant way to a particular activity. In this hands-on course, students engage in applied learning through unpaid experiential activities organized by the student (in conjunction with SMC's applied/service learning center) and approved by the instructor. Students will develop a customized reading list relevant to their particular activity, complete a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer work with that activity, and submit academically-sound written reports regarding the activity. By applying course material to their experience, students develop a deeper understanding of the discipline.